

Making Listening Memorable:

LISTENING IN CHUNKS



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Outline

- **A little bit about listening**
 - **A little bit of classroom observation**
- **A little bit on making what memorable**

.... and with a few activities to try out along the way

A little bit about listening

Name that tune ...

We are the champions – Queen

YMCA – Village People

The Final Countdown – Europe

Brown Eyed Girl – Van Morrison

At the Car Wash – Rose Royce

Brown Girl in the Ring – Bony M

Karma Chameleon – Boy George

Doctor Doctor – The Thompson Twins

Pressure – David Bowie ...



What have they all got in common?



BBC Magazine 2012

Rhythm

Earworms

Verbal stickiness

A little bit of classroom observation

These phrases are written as they sound. What do you think the speaker actually said? Compare with a partner and then listen and check.



- 1. sail does far**
- 2. lep me juss get this**
- 3. they look tut thee ya**
- 4. which wa zabada thousand**
- 5. all over the wood**
- 6. mice fum new kay an Norway**

The meaning-first approach

Topic : facebook security

Source: Knowsley Radio

Speakers: 3 locals



The meaning-first approach



What did the speakers say?

The meaning-first approach



1 I must have about

2... through it all the time and I think

3 I don't even speak to you

4 They can see anything

5 If you don't know 500 of them, you

(Cutting sounds – radical reductions)

Decoding snippets

1 I must have about

2... **through** it all **the** time and I **think** • 100%

• 66%

3 I don't even **speak** to you

• 33%

4 **They** can see **anything**

• 0%

5 If you don't know 500 of them, you

The priming-first approach (first listening)



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100%

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66%

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33%

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0%

The priming-first approach (1 week)



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**A little bit on making
what memorable**

More snippets (from ALRP)

There's one word that's the same in
each snippet.

What is it?

audio concordances

tell us a **little bit** about, about their intelligence

tell me a **bit** about universities in your country

develop a **little bit** of a

tell me a **little bit** more about

could you tell me a **little bit** about that

to tell us a **little bit** more

stick out a **little bit**

in England at the moment, this is a **bit** of a, a big issue

can you tell us a **little bit** about that?

you can tell me a **little bit** more about it in a minute

tell me a **little bit** about

in a **little bit** of a cart thing

a little bit

tell us a **little bit** about, about their intelligence

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(tell ...) a little bit about

tell us a **little bit** about, about their intelligence

tell me a **bit** about universities in your country

could you tell me a **little bit** about that

can you tell us a **little bit** about that?

tell me a **little bit** about

Some dictionary examples

Cambridge Learner's Dictionary

There's **a little bit more** pasta left

The Cambridge International Dictionary of English

She broke the shells into **little bits**.

I do **a bit of** exercise every day.

Would you like **a bit more** cake?

Chunk drilling

I know a little bit about kittens ...

bit about

little bit about

know a little bit about

I know a little bit about kittens ...

Chunk drilling

I know a little bit about kittens ...

bit about

little bit about

know a little bit about

I know a little bit about kittens ...

and then

I know a little bit about kittens rap

**I know a little bit about kittens
I got bitten by a kitten last year
A certain little kitten in Britain
I've not forgotten
That it bit me on the ear!**



A few readings / resources / people to follow

British Council

Richard Cauldwell

Hugh Dellar

Andrew Walkley

John Field

Jeremy Harmer

Anne O'Keefe

Michael McCarthy

Ronald Carter

Philip Kerr

Leo Selivan

Norbert Schmitt

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